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An Act for the more effectual employing the Poor, by encouraging the Manufactures of this Kingdom.

WHereas it is most evident, that the Continuance of the Trade to the East-Indies, in the same Manner and Proportions as it hath been for two Years last past, must inevitably be to the great Detriment of this Kingdom, by exhausting the Treasure thereof, and melting down the Coin, and taking away the Labour of the People; whereby very many of the Manufacturers of this Nation are become excessively burthensome and chargeable to their respective Parishes, and others are thereby compelled to seek for Employment in foreign Parts: For Remedy whereof, Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and one, all wrought Silks, Bengals and Stuffs, mixed with Silk or Herba, of the Manufacture of Persia, China, or East-India, and all Callicoes, Painted, Dyed, Printed or Stained there, which are or shall be imported into this Kingdom, shall not be worn, or otherwise used within this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, but under such Limitations as are herein after mentioned and expressed.

And for the better effecting the same, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and one, all such wrought Silks, Bengals and Stuffs, mixed with Silk or Herba, of the Manufacture of Persia, China, or East-India, as aforesaid, and all Callicoes, Painted, Dyed, Printed or Stained there, which are or shall be imported into this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, shall, after Entry thereof, be forthwith carried and put into such Warehouse or Warehouses, as shall be for that purpose approved of by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs for the Time being, so as none of them shall be taken or carried out thence upon any Account whatsoever, other than in order for Exportation, and not until sufficient Security be first given to the Kings Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, (which the said Commissioners are hereby required and empowered to take) that the same and every Part thereof shall be Exported, and not Landed again in any Part of this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed; which said Securities shall be discharged without any Fee or Reward, upon Certificate returned under the Common Seal of the Chief Magistrate, in any Place or Places beyond the Seas, or under the Hands and Seals of two known English Merchants upon the Place, that such Goods were there landed, or upon Proof by credible Persons, that such Goods were taken by Enemies or perished in the Seas; the Examination and Proof thereof being left to the Judgment of the said Commissioners: And all such of the aforesaid Goods, whether the same shall be mixed, sewed, or made up together for Sale, with any other Goods or Materials, or otherwise, which shall be found in any House, Shop or Warehouse, or other Place whatsoever (other than in such Warehouses as shall be approved of by the said Commissioners, as aforesaid) shall be forfeited, and subject and liable to be searched for, and seized, in like manner as Prohibited and Uncustomed Goods are, by an Act (intituled, *An Act for Preventing Frauds, and Regulating Abuses in His Majesty's Customs*) made in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second; and all such Goods so forfeited, as aforesaid, shall, upon Seizure thereof, be carried to the next Custom-house, and after Condemnation, shall be sold to the best Advantage for Exportation, at publick Sale by the Candle; the Buyer and Buyers giving Security

for the Exportation thereof, in manner, as aforesaid; and one third Part of the Monies to be raised by such Sale, shall be paid to the Kings Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other two third Parts thereof to him, her or them that shall seize or prosecute for the same; and over and above the Loss of the said Goods, the Person or Persons in whose Custody, knowing thereof, the same shall be found or seized, or that shall sell or dispose thereof to any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall forfeit and lose the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, one third Part thereof to the Kings Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other two third Parts thereof to such Person or Persons that shall sue for the same, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, wherein no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed, or any more than one Imparlance.

And for Preventing all clandestine Importing or Bringing into this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, any of the aforesaid Goods hereby Prohibited, or intended to be Prohibited from being worn or used in England, Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, or Bodies Corporate, from and after the said Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and one, shall import or bring into any Port of or in this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, other than the Port of London, any of the aforesaid Prohibited Goods, or into the Port of London, and shall not make due Entries of such Goods so imported, or brought in, the same shall be, and is hereby adjudged, deemed, accounted and taken, to be clandestine Running thereof, and such Person or Persons, or Bodies Corporate so offending therein, and their Abettors, shall not only forfeit and lose the said Goods so clandestinely Run, as aforesaid, but also the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered and divided in such manner, as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That if any Question or Doubt shall arise where the said Goods were manufactured, the Proof shall lie upon the Owner or Owners thereof, and not upon the Prosecutor; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Information, shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons, for any Seizure, or other thing to be made or done, in pursuance or in execution of any thing before in this Act contained, such Person or Persons so sued in any Court whatsoever, may plead the general Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence, for their Excuse or Justification; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or Prosecutor or Prosecutors, shall become Non-suit, or forbear Prosecution, or suffer Discontinuance, or if a Verdict pass against him, her or them, in any such Action, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Information, as aforesaid, the Defendant or Defendants shall have treble Costs, for which they shall have the like Remedy, as in any Case where Costs by Law are given to the Defendant.

And for preventing clandestinely carrying out of the said Warehouses, any of the said Goods hereby prohibited, and by this Act intended for Exportation, as aforesaid: Be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Warehouse keeper or Warehousekeepers, shall keep one or more Book or Books, wherein he or they shall fairly Enter or Write down an exact, particular, and true Account of all and every Chest, Bale and Number of Pieces therein contained of such of the aforesaid Goods only, which shall be brought into, and carried out of his or their said Warehouse or Warehouses, and the Days and Times when the same shall be so brought in and carried out; and shall every Six Months in the Year transmit in Writing an exact Account thereof, upon Oath, to the said Commissioners, together with an exact